

**Fan District Association
Board of Directors**

MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

FDA President Martha Warthen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Martha Warthen, Tim Beane, Jerry Beverage, Rebecca Keller, Christy Lantz, Ian Lim, Jonathan Marcus, Christine Peterson, Melissa Savenko, Julie Seward, Lacy Williams

Board Members Absent: Chris Morem

Guests Present: Sven Philipson, Taylor Thomas

GUEST REPORTS

Ranked Choice Voting: Taylor Thomas provided a short presentation on ranked-choice voting. The Board was interested in better understanding the process since there are local efforts to encourage this local option. The Board would like further information about pros and cons and will consider polling residents after the election cycle.

City Council: Sven Philipson provided an update on current City Council activity: Richmond 300 amendments go to Council shortly as the proposed Bowtie casino location comes under significant scrutiny. The City is ramping up graffiti removal efforts and introducing an improved 311 system. The Mayor's proposed budget is under consideration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Minutes: December minutes were adopted without amendment.

Movieland Drive-In Movies: The Board is in favor of a drive-in movie theater at Movieland.

Casino on Movieland Property: In November, Richmond residents will vote on whether we want casinos in the City. Six casino proposals have been submitted. The Board is opposed to a casino on the Movieland property.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FDA's budget is currently in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs and Events: The Board supports the committee recommendation for an in-person FDA annual meeting at an appropriately large outdoor site. FDA will informally poll residents to ensure comfort with an in-person venue. Also, residents are invited to Bill Martin's March 24 zoom local history lecture.

Grants: Response to our poll about grant-giving priorities concluded with interests in the following order: 1) parks/ cityscape (includes graffiti); 2) services for those in need; 3) schools; 4) neighborhood events. During this funding cycle, FDA will focus on parks/cityscape and services for those in need. Application notice will appear in the Newsletter.

Communications. FDA continues to evaluate scope and distribution of the Newsletter. We invite continued consideration of options during the coming months. The Board was reminded that information for each issue should be submitted on time.

Code Enforcement and Zoning. The City has begun rezoning hearings for Greater Scotts Addition. The Board was reminded that future City rezoning and redevelopment strategies will be different than the past.

2209 West Grace Street has applied for a rooming house SUP. FDA voted to support West Grace Street Association's opposition to the application.

109 N Plum has applied to make a garage into a two story structure with apartment. The Board voted not to oppose the application, with certain restrictions.

The Board discussed the proposed Emergency Housing Ordinance and concerns of Jackson Ward and Carver neighborhood groups about the City's capacity to provide oversight and supportive services. We agreed to support their positions as appropriate.

Membership. Invoicing for membership dues continues.

Safety: FDA joined MAPS in requesting that the Lee Monument fence remain in place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.